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The village of Northbrook will be donating a used ambulance to the Mexican city of Tonatico later this week.

U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk and Northbrook Village President Gene Marks will ceremonially transfer the keys of the refurbished ambulance to officials from Tonatico at 1:30 p.m. Friday, at Northbrook Fire Station No. 11, 740 Dundee Road.

Kirk suggested that Northbrook give the ambulance to Tonatico, an impoverished village of 10,000 people southwest of Mexico City, according to a spokesman for the Congressman. Most Latino 10th District citizens come from only three communities in Mexico: Tonatico, La Luz and San Jose, he said.

Kirk put Northbrook in contact with the Tonatico Social Club of North Chicago. Local Latino leaders and Kirk then worked with officials in Mexico to finalize the donation.

The ambulance is scheduled to be delivered in Mexico early in the new year. Members of Kirk's Latino Advisory Board are expected to drive the vehicle the more than 2,000 miles to Tonatico, his office said.